



**Director, Public Health Nutrition
School of Global Public Health
New York University**

THE SEARCH

The School of Global Public Health (GPH) at New York University (NYU) seeks an exceptional scholar and administrator to become its next Director for the Public Health Nutrition Program (PHN). This is a faculty position at GPH, eligible for tenure, that includes responsibilities for building on the innovative academic programs and research at GPH, drawing on opportunities across NYU as well as those afforded by its locations in New York City and throughout its global network. Located within a relatively new but renowned school of public health, ranked among the top 20 institutions in the nation, the Public Health Nutrition Program uses holistic and integrated methodologies to investigate public health nutrition issues. It incorporates disciplines of community health, environmental studies, epidemiology, and more. Through its events, student-focused labs, internship placements, and career planning resources, the Public Health Nutrition Program offers unparalleled opportunities for professional development and collaboration in several subject areas, including nutrition research methodology, oncology, chronic diseases, food and nutrition policy, and maternal health.

The next Director will create and implement a strategic vision to set the path for a thriving program with significant impact on scholarship and practice in the field. As a member of the senior leadership team in GPH, the Director will collaborate closely with GPH faculty, leadership, and administrative staff, as well as leaders from other schools that are integral to PHN programs. The Director is responsible for growing the faculty and will be engaged in the recruitment, development, and retention of new faculty while cultivating an inclusive, welcoming, and positive culture. The Director will set the standard for the program and increase its visibility and reach by building out mentorship initiatives and student-facing organizations. The Director will have expertise in the program's subject areas to ensure the growth, vitality, and relevance of PHN's content and offerings. Finally, drawing on the reach and resources provided by the GPH and NYU, the Director will foster opportunities for collaborative research, mentorship, community-building, and global outreach.

The successful candidate will be an established scholar with a focus on community and global health and possess a doctoral degree or equivalent in nutrition or other related subject areas such as public health or social science. The PHN works closely with NYU Steinhardt to provide offerings for and administer the

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist program, and as such, the ideal candidate would bring knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Didactic Program in Dietetics. The next Director will need to have exemplary research and academic achievement along with a proven record of successful leadership, excellent communication skills, team building and interpersonal skills, and management experience.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Since its founding in 1831, NYU has been an innovator in higher education. Today, it is one of the world's largest, most prominent, and highly respected research universities. NYU provides an enriching and comprehensive education to more than 65,000 students and annually undertakes \$1 billion in research. It counts among its 5,000 faculty members recipients of the highest scholarly honors and the vast network of talented scholars, artists, scientists, and writers with endless opportunities for collaboration. It has a highly collaborative network of 19 schools and colleges, degree-granting programs in Abu Dhabi and Shanghai, and an additional 11 global academic centers in Africa, Asia, South America, North America, and Europe.

THE SCHOOL OF GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Created in 2015, the School of Global Public Health has experienced a period of rapid growth – expanding programs, earning its accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health, and graduating its first classes of students. In April 2022, the school unveiled its new building a few blocks from Washington Square in Manhattan. The ten-story building boasts approximately 100,000 square feet of renovated space and includes key design elements (e.g., clinical research space, meeting space, secured data space, and a recording studio) to facilitate public health research, education, and practice.

In July 2022, NYU welcomed epidemiologist Debra Furr-Holden as Dean of the School of Global Public Health. Dean Furr-Holden joined GPH from Michigan State University, where she held the C.S. Mott Endowed Professorship and served as associate dean for public health integration.

Under Dean Furr-Holden's leadership, the school is focused on shaping its scholarly and programmatic identity within the field of global public health. According to this year's rankings from *U.S. News and World Report*, the School has risen 12 places to rank nineteenth among the 195 public health schools and programs in the country. Today, GPH conducts research broadly across all areas of public health and will continue to develop and define its portfolio. GPH faculty are deeply engaged across the University and include practitioners from New York's leading public health organizations.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Public Health Nutrition Program at NYU School of Global Public Health integrates research, teaching, and hands-on practice to equip its graduates with the skills needed to positively impact the health and well-being of vulnerable populations around the world. Led by interdisciplinary faculty, PHN offers an

array of courses on nutritional epidemiology, food insecurity, community nutrition, clinical nutrition research, and environmental and societal factors affecting food supply and policy.

The Public Health Nutrition Program has five dynamic and rigorous educational paths, which are: 1) the in-person Master of Public Health track that can be done either part-time or full-time, 2) the fully online, asynchronous Master of Public Health, 3) the combined Master of Public Health/Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) in which graduates qualify for dietetic internships to take the Commission of Dietetic Registration exam, 4) the Advanced Certificate in Public Health Nutrition comprised of five PHN courses, and 5) the newly established 4+1 BS/MPH dual degree joint program with NYU Steinhardt. The flexibility of each program allows students to tailor their learning to their individual interests, skill set, and career objectives. At the core of all PHN activities is an emphasis on equity and food justice, so graduates will be equipped to assume leadership roles in both local and global settings.

Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health in Public Health Nutrition, which is offered in a full-time, part-time, or fully remote format, is a track comprised of core courses, culminating experiences, and electives. The core courses are where students have more traditional learning in subjects such as global environmental health, epidemiology, and health care policy. The culminating experience piece of the MPH degree is the internship portion of the program, where students complete a minimum of 180 hours of public health service, either through an applied practice experience seminar or an integrative learning experience seminar. For the elective portion of the degree, students can select from any graduate-level courses taught at GPH, given they have completed the necessary prerequisites.

Combined MPH/Didactic Program in Dietetics

This program is exclusively for students seeking to become registered dietitians (RD). The Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) requirements and the associated dietetic internship are the courses needed to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration exam and become an RD. Students are not required to complete the DPD requirements and dietetic internship before enrolling in the master's program. Rather, the combined MPH and Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) allows students to complete DPD courses while matriculated in the MPH program. The program also includes the dietetic internship that begins after completion of all DPD courses. This educational track is one of two programs that include courses taught at NYU GPH and NYU Steinhardt.

Advanced Certificate in Public Health Nutrition

The Advanced Certificate in Public Health Nutrition is a 15-credit track, where students complete two core Nutrition concentration courses and three electives within the Public Health Nutrition Program. The certificate includes credits that satisfy MPH degree requirements, so students in the other concentrations of the MPH program can also enroll.

4+1 BS/MPH Program

The 4+1 BS/MPH program is a five-year dual-degree program where students work toward an MPH in Public Health Nutrition from GPH at the same time they earn a BS in Nutrition from NYU Steinhardt, via

an expedited program that enables them to earn both degrees and requires less time and tuition than is needed to complete each program separately. This streamlined program is for highly motivated students with aspirations of assuming leadership positions in public health nutrition settings that require a systemic approach to addressing health disparities. In January 2024, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics will adopt a minimum requirement of a master's degree for entry-level registered dietitians. Therefore, this program is expected to be in high demand in the coming years, because it will allow students to achieve their goals of being an RD in a shorter amount of time.

THE ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director will lead, embrace, and champion the PHN strategy for growth and development, advancing both its theoretical and applied agendas. The Director will be part of the senior leadership team in GPH and will use this position to support the mission of the school. The Director will be the point person to build on the momentum of founding Director Joyce O'Connor in advancing the program. The next Director will develop opportunities for growing student enrollment across PHN programs, recruit additional faculty, and provide guidance to strengthen the PHN's ties across GPH and with other schools. Reporting to the Dean of the School of Global Public Health, the Director is responsible for all administrative, academic, and research activities of the program. The Director will need an expert understanding of careers in nutrition and public health to ensure learners are successful in achieving their professional goals. In doing so, the Director will collaborate with the faculty to initiate and expand the PHN's unique educational tracks. In particular, the Director collaborates closely with the Steinhardt Department of Nutrition and Food Studies and the Dietetics DPD program director around program accreditation standards for those students who seek the RDN credential. As such, the director should be conversant in the standards set by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and its accreditation arm, ACEND. Finally, the Director will have an entrepreneurial spirit to propel the Program to have national and global impact and prominence.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE INCOMING DIRECTOR

The responsibilities of the Director of Public Health Nutrition include, but are not limited to:

Promote broad collaboration between PHN faculty, GPH Leadership, and the NYU Steinhardt Department of Nutrition and Food Studies

In collaboration with GPH leadership and the PHN faculty, the next Director must transparently communicate goals and plans in a sustainable and aligned manner that will provide opportunities for partnership leading to the increased visibility, prominence, and impact of the PHN and NYU GPH more broadly. In addition, the Director must regularly collaborate with the NYU Steinhardt Department of Nutrition and Food Studies in support of joint program offerings.

Lead and define the strategic vision of the Public Health Nutrition Program

The Director of the PHN will have oversight of a growing Program at a time of overall growth and development for the School of Global Public Health. The next Director must articulate clearly the goals of

PHN to establish excellence and impact in its field while also integrating it into the vision and distinctive strengths of GPH overall.

Recruit, develop, and retain interdisciplinary and diverse faculty

The next Director has the exciting opportunity to build a team of outstanding faculty members. Recruitment and retention of renowned scholars in the fields of public health and nutrition will be critical for the PHN's future. The Director will work deliberately to build a roster of faculty and staff with diverse experiences, backgrounds, and qualifications. The Director must also develop and support the faculty who will serve as researchers, instructors, and mentors in the PHN.

Enhance student-facing programs in alignment with the educational mission of the PHN

At its core, PHN is designed to provide an integrated and comprehensive education that gives graduates the skillset to assume leadership roles in public health nutrition settings around the globe. The Director has an opportunity to continue shaping the distinctive identity of NYU's programs. Through internship placements, research labs, and Program events, PHN students build their professional networks in both public and private sectors. The next Director must promote student development by taking an active mentorship role. The Director must also support thriving student-led organizations that help learners combine classroom learning with meaningful community service and global outreach. The Director will engage with students regularly to understand their interests and enact internal changes on their behalf.

Apply administrative acumen to manage program expansion and career development opportunities

The next Director needs to ensure that the Program's educational tracks within GPH, and those aligned with NYU Steinhardt, are aligned with changing student demands and accrediting requirements. The Director must ensure that programs are administered efficiently and are nimble in responding to a dynamic environment where degrees and educational delivery format preferences are shifting quickly. The Director will ensure that student recruitment is focused on serving a diverse set of learners and provides an inclusive and welcoming environment for students. The Director needs to understand the credentials needed for distinct public health professions to ensure students remain competitive and will allocate resources to support its various educational and extracurricular activities.

Foster an inclusive, transparent, and collegial environment

Since its establishment, the Public Health Nutrition Program has maintained a culture of respect that is essential to its members and its functions. The next Director will be an inclusive leader who will establish and maintain transparency amongst the faculty, especially when navigating change. The Director will need to have forward-thinking ideas and an entrepreneurial spirit while giving their team an equal opportunity to share their ideas.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The successful candidate will bring many of the following qualifications, professional experiences, and personal attributes:

- A doctoral degree or equivalent in nutrition, public health, social science, or a related field preferred;
- A strong and established record of scholarly recognition, academic achievement, and external research support commensurate with appointment at the level of Associate or Full Professor on the tenure track at NYU GPH, that includes nutrition-based intervention program development and implementation science research in nutrition;
- Demonstrated record of successful program execution and innovation in public health nutrition;
- Administrative experience and exemplary leadership capabilities in a university or other academic setting;
- Demonstrated ability to create and implement a strategic vision for a research or educational program;
- Clear managerial experience with an emphasis on budgetary operations, research partnerships, and faculty development;
- A deep appreciation for student enrichment and mentorship;
- Rich experience creating engaging and innovative academic experiences to ensure students graduate engage in meaningful internships and develop as leaders in the field;
- A deep commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion with a track record of emphasizing health equity and justice in public health nutrition.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY

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In compliance with NYC's Pay Transparency Act, the annual base salary range for this position is **\$250,000 - \$350,000**. New York University considers factors such as (but not limited to) scope and responsibilities of the position, candidate's work experience, education/training, key skills, internal peer equity, as well as market and organizational considerations when extending an offer.

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making, sex, sexual orientation, unemployment status, veteran status, or any other legally protected basis. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply for vacant positions at all levels.